GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TRAFFIC IN MAJOR CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved any mechanism or plan of action to tackle the ever-increasing traffic in both major and minor cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts so far taken or proposed to be taken to tackle the increasing traffic in the major cities during the peak hours?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(d): Urban Transport is a State Subject, as such, the plan of action to tackle the ever-increasing traffic lies with the concerned States/UTs. However, realizing the seriousness of rapidly growing problem of urban congestion, Government has formulated National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in April, 2006. The Policy provides guidelines and incentives to the States/cities to design their urban transport strategies. The Government is providing Central financial assistance for urban transport planning and for taking up urban transport projects through various schemes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Scheme of Ministry of Finance for financial support to Public Private Partnership in Infrastructure and budgetary support, etc. to provide better public transport and ease congestion.